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SUBJECT: ZIONIST LINE ON BEGIN VISIT TO UK OF DECEMBER

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1. FOLLOWING ARE EXTRACTS FROM EDITORIAL IN DECEMBER
22 ISSUE OF JEWISH OBSERVER, "OFFICIAL" ZIONIST
FEDERATION WEEKLY IN LONDON, ON BEGIN VISIT TO UK
OF DECEMBER 20: BEGIN QUOTE: THE DECISION OF
MENACHEM BEGIN TO STOP OVER IN LONDON THIS WEEK...
IS OF MAJOR SIGNIFICANCE... BEGIN HAS ALWAYS BEEN
A KEEN EUROPEAN AND... FELT THAT HIS PREDECESSORS IN
OFFICE UNDERESTIMATED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE EEC...
IN PUSHING BRITAIN BACK INTO THE FOREFRONT OF MIDDLE
EAST DEVELOPMENTS - ONLY CARTER AND PRESIDENT SADAT ARE
AS INFORMED AS CALLAGHAN NOW IS - BEGIN HAS AN
ULTERIOR MOTIVE: TO PUSH FRANCE, THE WOULD-BE
LEADERS OF WESTERN EUROPEAN POLITICAL OPINION, INTO
THE BACKGROUND. HE BELIEVES... THAT FRANCE IS TOO COM-
MITTED TO AN ARAB LINE TO ASSESS ANY ISRAELI PROPOSAL ON
ITS MERITS. END QUOTE

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2. COMMENT: JEWISH OBSERVER DOES NOT CARRY ANY MAST-
HEAD OR NAMES ON EDITORIAL PAGE, BUT IT CLEARLY
REPRESENTS THE ZIONIST FEDERATION. WE HAVE NOT SEEN
THIS PARTICULAR THEORY OF BEGIN'S MOTIVES IN QUALITY
PRESS COVERAGE OF HIS DECEMBER 20 VISIT, SUCH AS IN
LONDON TIMES OF DECEMBER 21. LATTER ARTICLE (POUCHED)

STATED MOST IMPORTANT POINT TO EMERGE FROM BEGIN'S
VISIT HERE WAS THAT HIS PROPOSALS FOR A SETTLEMENT
"ARE NOT FINAL BUT OPEN TO NEGOTIATION." THIS ARTICLE
ALSO REPORTED, "A POINT WHICH HIS BRITISH HOSTS HAVE
MADE IS THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO ENCOURAGE THOSE
ELEMENTS OF PALESTINIAN OPINION, WITHIN THE PLO IN
PARTICULAR, WHICH SEEM INCLINED TOWARD A PEACEFUL
SETTLEMENT."

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